Commercial losses of SEBs

2318. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the commercial losses of State Electricity Boards (before subsidies) are expected to cross Rs.20,000 crore mark in 2004-05;

(b) whether the commercial losses of the SEBs even after explicit subsidiaries stood at Rs. 12,000 crores in 2003-04; and

(c) how soon the impact of the on-going reform process in power sector is likely to turn around SEBs into commercially viable utilities?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) An analysis of accounts of power utilities of 16 States by Power Finance Corporation shows that the excess of expenditure over income (excluding subsidy) during the year 2001-02 was of the order of Rs. 25207 crores for the utilities analyzed and it has reduced to Rs. 17593 crores during 2002-03 indicating a reduction of Rs. 7614 crores in losses.

(c) Power utilities of various States have already reported reduction in their losses. During 2001-02, State Electricity Boards of four States *viz.* Gujarat, Maharashtra, Haryana and Rajasthan have reported cash loss reduction as compared to the year 2000-01 to the tune of Rs. 2138.44 crore as under:

(Rs. in crores)

SI.No.	State	Cash loss reduction
1.	Gujarat	1072.30
2.	Maharashtra	579.74
3.	Haryana	210.98
4.	Rajasthan	275.42
	TOTAL	2138.44

In addition to this, States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal have reported reduction in overall losses during the year 2002-03 as compared to previous year.